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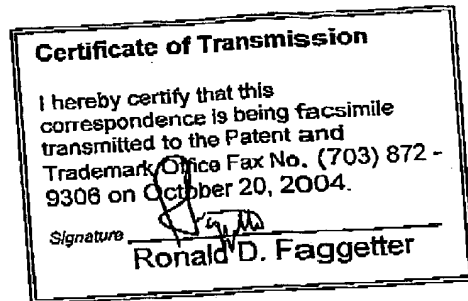
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No.: 2252

Appl. No. : 09/672,821
First Named Inventor : John C. Lynch
TC/A.U. : 2144
Examiner : Yemane M. Gerezgiher
Filed : September 29, 2000

Docket No. : 92118-54 (formerly 91436-284)
Customer No. : 22463

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

PTO Customer No. 22463

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the office action dated July 23, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.